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N.Z. NOTES AND COMMENT

By Colin Hamilton

Perhaps the most complex listings of plate blocks in the entire C.P. Catalogue are to be found in the Second Pictorial 4d Mitre Peak (L7a—e). These listings can be categorised into four groups:

- (i) Blocks of four showing one plate number
- (ii) In just one case, a block of four showing two plate numbers
- (iii) Large pieces (blocks of 20 or strips of 10) showing two plate numbers
- (iv) Similar larger pieces showing one plate number

Have you ever wondered how this came about? On the face of things the 4d is a simple bi-coloured stamp, of which there are countless other examples, but none of these produces anything remotely like the same complexity of plate blocks. Moreover, the 4d listings are not the result of some editorial whim or aberration — they are there with good reason.

The requirement of two plates — one to print the centre, another to print the frame — has something to do with the problem, of course. So too has the need to replace these plates at various times with new ones. But those two elements alone are obviously not the full explanation. There are other cases too numerous to mention where these conditions apply, yet the resulting plate blocks are invariably logical, predictable, and uncomplicated. It is the presence of several other additional factors which together conspire to make this 4d uniquely complex. These are:

- (a) Although the plate numbers (of both the frame and the centre plates) always appeared in the bottom selvages of sheets, the actual positioning of these numbers was not consistent.
- (b) The first centre plate was unnumbered.
- (c) A later centre plate was double normal size, consisting of two sets of 80 impressions. Of these, one set was numbered, the other unnumbered.
- (d) The frame and centre plates were used in various combinations.

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There were three frame plates, numbered 1, 2A and 2B respectively. In sheets printed from the first of these, the plate number appeared below Row 8, No. 2; in sheets from both 2A and 2B, the number appeared below Row 8, No. 9.

If we count the previously mentioned double-size plate as two separate units (reasonable since it was capable of printing two sheets of the issued size simultaneously), there were six centre plates. Of these, two were unnumbered, and the others were numbered 2, 3, 4 and 5 respectively (No. 4 being the numbered half of the double-size plate). In sheets printed from plates 2, 3 and 4, the number in each case was situated below Row 8, No. 2, while in sheets from plate 5, the number was below Row 8, No. 1.

From the above data, it will be evident that, of the three frame plate numbers, only No. 1 was in the same (bottom left) corner of sheets as all the centre plate numbers. However, the only use of this frame plate in conjunction with any of the **numbered** centre plates occurred in the final issue (L7e), with centre plate 5. This accounts for the solitary listing of a "two number" plate block of four, numbered 5-1 (category (ii) above). In **all** other printings, the frame plate numbers and (when present at all) the centre plate numbers were in opposite bottom corners of sheets. Hence all other listed plate blocks of four showing one number only (category (i) above). It should be noted that in category (i) blocks, the number may be **either** that of a frame plate **or** that of a centre plate.

To show the **complete** plate information on any particular sheet, however (with the single exception of the '5-1' case already mentioned), it is necessary to have a block (or strip) including both bottom corners. This applies whether the centre plate was a numbered one, when the larger block shows two plate numbers, one in each corner (category (iii) above), or an unnumbered one, when the larger block shows one (frame plate) number only (category (iv) above).

Category (iv) blocks may appear to leave one question unresolved. Since there were two unnumbered centre plates, it is not immediately evident which one might have been used in any particular case. But there is a solution. The second unnumbered plate (i.e. the unnumbered half of the double-size plate) was used only in the coarse paper printings (L7e), and then only in combination with frame plates 2A and 2B. All other usages of an unnumbered plate (in L7a, L7b and L7e) involved the original one.

NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES by Angela Nicholson
(from C.P. Newsletter Monthly, December 1990)

1990 Birds of the Antarctic — A new stamp issue featuring birds of the Antarctic was released on 7 November. Designed by Janet Luxton of Auckland, the stamps portray the Antarctic Petrel (40c), Wilson's Storm Petrel (50c), Snow Petrel (60c), Antarctic Fulmar (80c), Chinstrap Penguin (\$ 1.00) and Emperor Penguin (\$ 1.50). A First Day Cover and Presentation Pack were also available. As with the 1988 Whale issue, the stamps contain the words "Ross Dependency" in addition to "New Zealand" and they are valid for postage in New Zealand — a convenient way for N.Z. Post to continue the Ross Dependency series despite the closure of the post office at Scott Base in Antarctica.

The stamps were printed in Spain by Heraclio Fournier using the lithographic process. Sheets are comprised of 100 stamps in 10 rows of 10 and each stamp measures perf. 13½ x 13. The mesh of the paper is vertical.

Booklet News The new \$ 4.00 booklet reported in last month's Newsletter is also available attached by the right hand selvage. Mr. D.E. Williamson of Whitby also sent in an example of this booklet attached by plain left hand selvage, although this type does not seem to be readily available in Auckland.

\$ 4.00 Stamp Pack — On a recent visit to a Foodtown supermarket we noticed that the \$ 4.00 Foodtown stamp pack has been replaced by a similar pack which no longer carries the "Foodtown" logo. There are also several other subtle differences between the old and new packs. The new pack is slightly larger, measuring 21cm x 9.5cm as opposed to 21cm x 9.1cm. It also has a different bar code and the dollar sign has only one stroke through it, whereas there are two strokes through the sign on the original pack. The new pack states "Ten 40c stamps" whereas the old pack states "10 40c stamps". The new pack also gives the maximum width for a medium envelope as 20mm as opposed to 70mm on the old type of pack.

Major New Perforation Variety — A major new perforation variety has come to light in the 1977 Health issue. Copies of the 7c + 2c Girl and Dove stamp exist with a major upward shift of the perforations. The horizontal perforation rows cut 3mm into the design of the stamp, thus giving the impression that the stamps are imperforate horizontally. This perforation error is one of the most spectacular health varieties of recent years, and less than 100 copies are known to exist, making this a very scarce item indeed.

KING GEORGE VI COMPLETE BOOKLETS

- 101(a) Set of Three.** One of each of the basic types listed in the C.P. Catalogue (W6a, W6b and W6c). Almost inevitably, some rusting around the staples on two of the booklets, but an opportunity that turns up perhaps once in a decade. The rare set of three booklets £535.00
- (b) A Great Rarity.** Another example of the first 2/- booklet of 1938 (made up of four panes of the 1d red). In this one, all panes have the booklet plate No. 5 in the binding selvedge, **and two have the variety watermark inverted (W6aW).** Cat. \$ 1150 as four panes. Although we have handled a few individual 'plate 5' panes with inverted watermark, this is the only intact booklet containing the variety we are aware of £475.00

102 1960 PICTORIAL 5d — A VARIETY WITH A BIG DIFFERENCE

More or less minor misplacements of the yellow colour are not all that uncommon on this stamp, resulting in a quite attractive series of "Crazy Daisies" varieties. In one sheet, however, the yellow was so drastically misplaced — by a full 21mm downwards — that it missed the top row altogether, and an impression of the yellow details appeared in the bottom selvedge. Individual stamps from this sheet **seemingly** have a relatively unremarkable **upward** yellow shift of 3mm, but our offer of a **vertical pair with bottom selvedge** shows the true, and astonishing, nature of the variety (O7aZa). A spectacular piece — only twelve can possibly exist. Mint unhinged £135.00

KING GEORGE V SURFACE PRINTED, ½d — 3d (Contd.)

- 103(a) ½d Art Paper, Litho Wmk. (K13d).** Shades (of the design) are not common in this issue, but we can offer two unhinged mint blocks of four in superb contrasts, one being exceptionally pale £12.50
- (b) As above.** Similarly striking contrasts, but in corner blocks of four with sheet serial numbers. Hinged in selvedge only £15.00
- (c) As above.** Set of five fine mint blocks of four, showing a lovely range of colours of the 'watermark', from blue-green through yellow-green to near-colourless £27.50

- (d) **As above.** Marginal block of four with variety "Doubly Gummed" (K13dZ). The overlapping coats of gum are clearly evident in the selvage, where the gummed area stops short of the edge of the sheet. Nice proving piece, unhinged mint £15.00
- 104(a) **2d Art Paper, Litho Wmk.** (K18c). According to the N.Z. Handbook, Vol. 1, there was just one small printing of this stamp, issued to a few offices only, and the entire supply was sold out within a week. This accords with our experience — the 2d 'Litho Wmk.' is much scarcer than is generally realised. Single copy, fine mint £3.25
- (b) **As above.** Fine mint block of four, all lightly hinged £15.00
- (c) **As above.** Corner block of four with sheet serial number, superfine mint £27.50
- 105(a) **½d Cowan Paper, Perf. 14 x 15** (K13e). Set of five finest mint, showing the complete range of shades as listed in the C.P. Catalogue £5.75
- (b) **As above.** Similar shades set, but in mint blocks of four. A beautiful quintet of blocks £25.00
- (c) **As above.** Two corner strips of three (both with sheet serial numbers), one being an early clear print in deep green, the other a late print in pale yellow green and showing the pronounced plate wear (K13eW) which developed in the top row. Magnificent! Hinged in selvage only £25.00
- (d) **As above.** Variety Imperf. at top, with top selvage (K13eZ). Superfine mint £25.00
- (e) **As above.** Vertical strip of three, top stamp normal, middle stamp imperf. at sides and bottom, bottom stamp imperf. at top. A rare and attractive variety (K13eY), finest mint £47.50
- (f) **As above.** Complete booklet pane with Jeyes' Fluid/Abdulla Cigarettes adverts in selvages (W4dZ). This example is from the top right corner of a booklet sheet as printed, thus it has sheet serial number in the binding selvage. One or two minor gum tones, but facially very nice indeed. Cat. \$ 325 £80.00
- (g) **As above.** Another complete pane, similar in all respects to the previous item, but with Dainties Biscuits/Chocolates/Toffees adverts in side selvages (W4dY). Cat. \$ 750. Booklets with Dainties ads. were distributed in the Christchurch area only £185.00

- (h) **As above.** A superb example of the very rare ½d pane with 'Cameron Bros'. Your Chemists' adverts (W4dX). From the other 'limited distribution' booklet, this one restricted to the Dunedin district only. Of the two 'Cameron' panes in each booklet, one had the branch address '3 Stafford Street, Dunedin' in the left selvages, the other '533 Cargill Road, Dunedin'. The pane here offered is the former. Cat. \$ 3000 £925.00

Note: Although currently listed at less than both 'Big Tree' and 'Kaitangata Coal' panes, each of the 'Cameron' panes is in fact as rare as 'Big Tree', all of these being twice as rare as 'Kaitangata Coal'.

- (i) **As above.** Yet another complete booklet pane, this one without selvage

adverts, and perf. 14 x 15 (W4hZ). A few negligible gum tones – facially brilliant	£65.00
(j) As above. Block of four with 'Official' overprint (KO13e). Mint unhinged ..	£3.75
(k) As above. Extreme shades of deep green and yellow-green. Two mint unhinged Officials	£1.75
(l) As above. Unhinged mint Official block of four, the upper pair of stamps with advanced plate wear	£4.00
(m) As above. Top row plate wear became so extreme that in a few sheets overprinted Official this row was removed, and an unworn strip from another sheet officially patched in. The top marginal block of four here offered demonstrates the latter fact to perfection	£25.00
6(a) ½d Cowan Paper, Perf. 14 (K13f). Complete set of all five listed shades, mint unhinged	£16.00
(b) As above. Finest mint set of six blocks of four in a kaleidoscope of shades ranging from deep green to the palest of pale yellow-green (the last showing advanced plate wear on the upper pair). All the makings of a striking album page	£40.00
(c) As above. Two mint blocks from sheets with misplaced watermarks. In one block, the upper pair show almost complete letters watermark; in the other block, the upper pair are virtually without watermark! The two interesting and unusual blocks of four	£17.50
(d) As above. Top marginal copy with variety "Imperf at Top" (K13fY). Faintly toned gum, hence only (Cat. \$ 110)	£22.50
(e) As above. Superfine mint block of four, upper pair with spectacular major variety "Complete double perforations at sides and bottom" (K13fX)	£125.00
(f) As above. Bottom selvedge copy from sheet with lowermost strike of the comb head misplaced 6mm upwards. Result – horizontal perfs. run through King's neck, and stamp appears partly imperf! Mint unhinged	£17.50
(g) As above. Complete booklet pane, with coloured bars in side selvedge, but without advertisements (W4fZ). Fine mint	£70.00
(h) As above. Similar pane, but with 'Parisian Ties' adverts in side selvedges, and 'Jeyes' adverts in binding selvedge (W4fY). Facially perfect, but a little light gum toning, hence only (Cat. \$ 185)	£40.00
(i) As above. Marginal block of four overprinted 'Official' (KO13f). Stamps unhinged	£4.00
(j) As above. Another marginal block, including the variety 'No Stop After Official' (KO13fZ). Ink marks on gum of one stamp, not the variety which is superb unhinged	£25.00
(k) As above. Marginal single with the 'No Stop' variety. Mint unhinged	£22.50

(To be continued)

N.Z. COMMEMORATIVES (Continued)

All offers are mint unless otherwise stated. Descriptions of varieties included where necessary.

- 107(a) 1962 Telegraph (S88/89).** Superb selection of 3d plate varieties (all listed in Vol. 6 of the N.Z. Handbook but plating details supplied)
- (i) Marginal block of 4 with R6/5 and 7/5 varieties £8.50
 - (ii) Marginal block of 4 with R11/2 variety £7.50
 - (iii) Marginal block of 4 with R14/1 variety £7.50
 - (iv) Block of 4 with R15/4 variety £7.50
 - (v) Marginal block of 4 with R19/4 and 20/3 varieties £8.50
 - (vi) Corner block of **20 stamps**, including R11/2, 14/1, 16/1 and 19/1 varieties £20.00
 - (vii) **Used** singles showing the R7/5, 11/2, 15/4, 20/3 varieties £10.00
- (b) As above.** Illustrated F.D.C. £6.00
- 108(a) 1963 Railways (S90/91).** 3d both plate blocks, sheet value block and colour bar block (22 stamps); 1/9d plate block and sheet value block (10 stamps). The set of six blocks £27.50
- (b) As above.** Volume 6 mentions shades of the green frame on the 3d value — the two offered here are quite brilliant contrasts £1.25
- (c) As above.** The same extreme 3d shades, but in blocks of 4 £5.00
- (d) As above.** Illustrated F.D.C. £6.00
- 109(a) 1963 "Compac" Cable (S92a).** The printing plate for this stamp contained two panes of 48 stamps. There were no marginal imprint or plate markings, each pane carrying only a £1.12s sheet value marking. The three blocks offered comprise sheet value blocks (identifiably different) from the two panes, plus a top left corner block showing red/blue/black colour codes £12.50
- (b) As above.** Block of four (from the right pane) showing the R7/4 flaw (S92aZ) .. £7.50
- (c) As above.** Marginal block of four (left pane) with the R10/4 "break in cable" variety (S92aZ) £7.50
- (d) As above.** Sheet value block of four (left pane) with R1/3 flaw £7.50
- (e) As above.** A similar sheet value block, but with a yellow doctor blade flaw high in the top selvage £17.50
- (f) As above.** Commercially used block of 4 £9.00
- (g) As above.** Three different illustrated F.D.C. items, two envelopes and a printed card. An attractive trio £12.00
- 110(a) 1964 Road Safety (S93a).** Two top marginal blocks of four, one showing the sheet value, the other with the sheet serial number £3.00
- (b) As above.** Marginal block of 4 with the R2/4 flaw £3.50

(c)	As above. Corner block of 6 with R3/2 apostrophe flaw (S93aZ). Special offer at	£1.50
(d)	As above. Marginal block of 6 with R5/3 flaw	£4.00
(e)	As above. Two "arm" shades, one grey the other yellow-grey, each in block of four	£5.00
(f)	As above. Two different illustrated First Day Covers	£4.00
111(a)	1965 ANZAC (S94a/95a). Two imprint/plate blocks of 6, one each value	£4.00
(b)	As above. An extensive set of plate markings – three 4d and three 5d plate blocks (showing the complete range of Catalogue-listed shades); sheet value blocks of six, one each value; plus a 5d corner block of 6 with colour code boxes (sheets of the 4d, being single colour, did not show these colour codes). A lovely set of nine blocks (54 stamps)	£20.00
(c)	As above. All three 4d and all three 5d shades, mint single stamps	£1.00
(d)	As above. The same set of listed shades, but in blocks of 4 (6 blocks)	£4.00
(e)	As above. 4d imprint block of four, with major error triple perforations (S94aY). Probably unique, since only one sheet has been recorded with this error	£65.00
(f)	As above. Selection of 4d plate varieties (all Vol. 6 listed):—	
(i)	Block of four with R3/8 retouch	£3.50
(ii)	Marginal block of four with R4/12 variety	£3.50
(iii)	Marginal block of nine with R4/2, 4/3, 5/1, 6/2 varieties	£10.00
(iv)	Marginal block of four with R6/12, 7/11, 7/12 varieties	£10.00
(v)	Marginal block of four with R8/1 retouch	£3.50
(vi)	Corner block of four with R9/11 flaw	£3.50
(vii)	Marginal block of four with R9/4 flaws (S94aZ), special offer	£1.00
(viii)	The same R9/4 flaw in corner imprint/plate block of 8, also special offer at	£2.00
(ix)	Marginal block of four with R10/7 "soldiers on beach" flaw (S94aW) .	£3.50
(x)	The 10/7 flaw is recorded in a number of different states. This set of four blocks of 4 shows a range of them	£15.00
(xi)	Marginal block of eight including both R9/4 and 10/7 flaws (S94aZ,W).	£7.50
(g)	As above. 5d corner block of eight including R2/4 retouch (S95aY)	£6.00
(h)	As above. 5d corner block of 12 including R7/12 and 10/10 varieties	£10.00
(i)	As above. 5d corner block of 4 with red multiple doctor blade flaw in bottom selvedge. Pretty error	£27.50
(j)	As above. Three different illustrated F.D.C.'s, posted on the day of issue (14 APR 1965)	£6.00
(k)	As above. Another illustrated F.D.C., but signed by the stamp artist R.M. Conly.	£15.00
(l)	As above. This illustrated cover was posted on ANZAC day (25 APR 1965) ...	£5.00

RECENT SETS FINEST USED

A comprehensive listing of 1988-90 issues. The important point to stress is that all stamps are genuinely used (none is C.T.O.).

1988 Royal Philatelic Society (S365/6), 40c se-tenant pair		£1.00
Do., Miniature Sheet (SM367) includes the \$ 1 Queen Victoria stamp		£1.75
1988 Electricity (S368-371), 4 stamps	£2.00 ; blocks of 4 ...	£8.00
1988 Rafter Paintings (S372-5), 4 stamps	£1.50 ; blocks of 4 ...	£6.00
1988 \$ 5 (Takahe) Bird definitive (PC9a)	£3.75 ; block of 4	£15.00
1988 Personal Message booklet pane of 5 stamps (PD1-5)		£2.50
1988 Scenic, Walkways (SS65-68), 4 stamps	£2.95 ; blocks of 4 ...	£11.80
Do., miniature sheet (SSM68)		£3.75
1988 Australia Bi-Cent. (S376), 1 stamp	32p; block of 4	£1.28
1988 Health (T60a-d), 4 stamps	£2.00 ; blocks of 4 ...	£8.00
Do., miniature sheet		£3.25
1988 Christmas (SC29a-d), 4 stamps	£2.20 ; blocks of 4 ...	£8.80
1988 Heritage, The Land (SH1-6), 6 stamps	£4.00 ; blocks of 4 ...	£16.00
1988 \$ 1 'Round' green Kiwi stamp (PD6)		£1.15
1988 Whales (S377-382), 6 stamps	£4.25 ; blocks of 4 ...	£17.00
1988 10c - 90c Bird Definitives (PC11-19), 9 stamps	£2.65 ; blocks of 4 ...	£10.60
1989 Wild Flowers (SS69-72), 4 stamps	£1.90 ; blocks of 4 ...	£7.60
1989 Writers (S383-6), 4 stamps	£1.90 ; blocks of 4 ...	£7.60
1989 \$ 10 Bird (little Spotted Kiwi) definitive (PC10a), used single only		£7.25
1989 Heritage, The People (SH7-12), 6 stamps	£3.75 ; blocks of 4 ...	£15.00
1989 Trees (SS73-76), 4 stamps	£3.00 ; blocks of 4 ...	£12.00
Do., miniature sheet (SSM76)		£2.75
1989 Health (T61a-c), 3 stamps		£1.30
Do., 40c block of 4 (two pairs se-tenant) and an 80c block of 4		£4.25
Do., miniature sheet		£2.75
1989 Christmas (SC30a-d), 4 stamps	£2.20 ; blocks of 4 ...	£8.80
1989 Heritage, The Sea (SH13-18), 6 stamps	£3.65 ; blocks of 4 ...	£14.60
1989 Comm. Games (S387-394), 8 stamps	£4.50 ; blocks of 4 ...	£18.00
Do., two different miniature sheets		£3.00
1989 40c brown kiwi, perf. 13½ x 13¼ (PC14b), brilliant used miniature sheet		£12.50
1990 Waitangi Treaty miniature sheet		£1.25
1990 Air N.Z., 1 stamp	85p; block of 4	£3.40
1990 Heritage, The Ships, 6 stamps	£3.35 ; blocks of 4 ...	£13.40
1990 Native Orchids miniature sheet		£4.25
1990 Heritage, The Achievers, 6 stamps	£3.35 ; blocks of 4 ...	£13.40
1990 Scenic, 4 stamps	£3.40 ; blocks of 4 ...	£13.60
Do., miniature sheet		£2.75
1990 Health, 2 stamps	£1.10 ; blocks of 4 ...	£4.40
Do., miniature sheet		£2.75
1990 Heritage, The Maori, 6 stamps	£3.20 ; blocks of 4 ...	£12.80
1990 Christmas, 4 stamps	£3.20 ; blocks of 4 ...	£12.40