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NEW ZEALAND NOTES AND COMMENTS

Personal

Following on further consultations with the specialists, the operation I was to undergo has been postponed, perhaps indefinitely. I hardly know whether to be pleased or sorry—I was hoping that I would soon be able to wrap myself round a big plate of steak and onions, but that too is deferred.

I have greatly appreciated the kindly good wishes friends have extended in letters. Many thanks.

A surprise for me on my last hunting trip was to find some half-sheets of the 1/- with a new 'sheet value' figure printed on the top selvage above stamp R1/9. The figure is "£4." Obviously some 1/- sheets have been officially guillotined through the central gutter. The half-sheets seen were all 1A 1A so there was no earlier "value" requiring obliteration but it must be presumed that 1B 1B half-sheets will be on issue and such would also show "£4" but would need the earlier "£8" or "8E" deleted. The 1/- half-sheets seen did not have the re-entries mentioned in the June Newsletter (apart from the R3/2 shift) so any 1B 1B half-sheets would almost certainly have "8E", not "£8", obliterated. If the practice of issuing halvesheets is continued we may expect to find "£8" so treated in due course. Also the 9d and 1/- values will probably call for similar attention.

Sheet values (appearing on many N.Z. issues these days) first appeared with the 1947 Healths but have so far received little attention locally. These should have a place in every specialized collection. I am hardly surprised to see half-sheets of the middle values appearing. The full sheets are so ungainly and awkward, and guillotining so readily facilitated by the central gutter, that were it not for the sheet value figures one might suppose that the issue of half-sheets was the original intention.

New George VI Official

A recent issue which will call for a new major listing in the Catalogue is the 9d of Plate 134 overprinted Official. The paper being Coarse (W.T. Royal Cypher) this is a new issue. Its catalogue number will be OM12b. Anyone requiring this stamp, mint or used, should let us know.

USED ALBUMS

We regret we have no further used "Favourite" to offer — these proved very popular when last advertised — but for the collector who wants a **top-class** album at a reasonable price, the following are a great opportunity.

F.G. De Luxe Albums (used)

This, Godden's best album, also has been described as the world's best album. We have two De Luxe covers in splendid condition, Royal Blue, whole padded leather, rounded corners, panel back, gold lined and gold tooled inside cover—in other words a superb and elegant album to be proud of. The previous owner has had numbers impressed in gold leaf on the spine of each album. No box is available. We offer each cover, fitted with 75 hinged leaves as follows:—

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ODDS AND ENDS

364 Coronation Plates

(a) 2d Buckingham Palace. Plate number/Imprint blocks of 8, Plates 1A or 1B, each	2/2
(b) 3d Queen. Plate block of 4	1/9
(c) 4d Coach. Plate number and Imprint block of 8, Plates 1A or 1B, each (the 4d is scarce)	10/-
(d) 8d Abbey. Plate block of 4	4/3
(e) 1/8 Regalia. Plate/Imprint block of 4	11/6
(f) Complete set of Plate and Plate Imprint blocks as in lots (a) to (e), 7 blocks	40/-
(g) Complete set as (f) but including also a "sheet" value block from each plate. 11 blocks	68/6
(h) Variety. The 2d "value" block with figures changed from "£1" to "10/". Definitely scarce and a most unusual variety	45/-

365 Health Plates

(a) 1936 Lifebuoy. Plate 2 (bottom left). Block of 4	11/6
(b) 1937 Hiker. Plate 1 (bot. left or top right) or Plate 2 (top left or bot. left). Each block of 4	14/-
(c) 1938 Children. Plate H.1 left or right, or Imprint block. Block of 4, each	12/6
(d) 1943 Triangulars. 1d + ½d Plates 4 or 5 in block of 4, each ditto in block of 8 (Plate 5 only), 5/-; 2d + 1d Plates, 3 or 6 in block of 4, each, 4/-; ditto in block of 8, each	3/-
(e) 1944 Princess. 1d + ½d, Plate 1, block of 4	7/6
2d + 1d, Plate 2, block of 4	2/-
(f) 1945 Peter Pan. 1d + ½d, Plates A1, A2, each	3/-
2d + 1d, Plate B1, 3/-; Plate B2 (scarce)	2/6
(g) 1948 Health Camp. 1d + ½d, Plates A1, B1, B2, each	17/6
2d + 1d, Plates A1, A2, B1, B2, each	1/3
(h) 1951 Yacht. 1½d + ½d, Plate A1, 4/-; Plate A2, 4/-; Plate B2	2/-
2d + 1d, Plates C1 or C2, each	8/6
	11/8

366 1936 1d Kiwi Variety. The excellent retouch R9/22 from Plate B4 (listed in our Catalogue) where the top of the Z of ZEALAND has been clearly redrawn and is of abnormal shape. This is a naked eye variety that all can see without a glass. In pair with normal, mint	10/-
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367 1930 2/- Milford Sound on Laid paper. A beautiful used specimen of this scarce stamp (it is probably considerably scarcer used than mint) with clear PAQUEBOT (packet-boat) cancellation. A specialist's item	50/-
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1935 PICTORIALS

This offer is of the Single (Registered) watermark issue only. Stocks are good and buyers can be certain of superb copies in both mint and used.

	Mint	Used		Mint	Used
L1a ½d Fantail	9d	1d	L9a 6d Harvesting	2/3	2d
L2a 1d Kiwi (Die I)	9d	1d	L10a 8d Tuatara	2/-	1/9
L2b Ditto (P. 13½ x 14)	12/6	5/-	L11a 9d Maori Panel	1/6	9d
L2c Ditto (Die 2)	2/-	6d	L12a 1/- Tui	12/6	6d
L3a 1½d Cooking	2/-	1/-	L13a 2/- Capt. Cook	12/6	1/8
L3b Ditto (P. 13½ x 14)	2/-	1/-	L13b Ditto (P. 13½ x 14)	30/-	4/6
L3c Ditto (Wmk. invert & rev.)	3/6	4/-	L13b Ditto (Cogk flaw)	30/-	—
L4a 2d Whare	1/-	6d	L14a 3/- Mt. Egmont	13/6	—
L5a 2½d Mt. Cook	1/6	1/6	L14b Ditto (P. 13½ x 14)	13/6	7/6
L5b Ditto (P. 13½ x 14)	1/6	1/6	L14c Ditto (the exceedingly scarce issue with invert/ reversed watermark — a superb mint copy)	£20	—
L6a 3d Maori Girl	6/-	3/-			
L7a 4d Mitre Peak	1/6	1d			
L8a 5d Swordfish	5/-	1/-			
L8b Ditto (P. 13½ x 14)	5/-	1/-			