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FOR COLLECTORS OF NEW ZEALAND STAMPS

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NEW ZEALAND NOTES & COMMENT

(by Campbell Paterson)

Newsletter Subs. Due. Once again we have reached July which has always been the renewal month for all Newsletter subscribers. I find it hard to believe that the Newsletter is now seven years old—it seems just yesterday that I sent out the first one. Seven years is not long, as philatelic publications go, but we can claim to be the oldest, regular stamp monthly in New Zealand and the only non-Society publication in the world dealing exclusively with N.Z. stamps. Also we have the largest paid circulation of any stamp publication in New Zealand not officially supported by a Society.

I take this opportunity to pay tribute to our quarterly contemporary The New Zealand Stamp Collector which has the splendid record of over thirty years of regular publication.

Readers who find a renewal form with this Newsletter are earnestly requested to send it in at the earliest possible opportunity. The collecting of these small amounts is an onerous business but one which can be minimised by those who co-operate. No acknowledgment of subs. will be sent unless requested.

PLEASE HELP US BY BEING PROMPT

If no renewal form is found the reader can take it that (E. and O.E.) he is paid up to July, 1957.

2d Tekoteko Re-entry. This variety is the subject of an excellent note sent in by Mr. Frank Course. Readers will notice that he refers throughout to this "flaw." There is no mistake—I understand that Mr. Course is satisfied that it is a flaw and not a re-entry though I have not heard his reasons for so doing; unless perhaps the peculiar sequence of the various features seems to him to preclude the possibility of this being a re-entry. I give the note in Frank's own words:

"This well known flaw appears on Row 2 No. 3 from Plate 1B, and research shows that as with many other values of the 1935-47 Pictorials there were several states.

On the single watermarked issue, the flaw appeared only in the late printings and resembles a question mark inclining slightly towards the right. The same stamp also shows a small dot on the inner top frame line below "EN" and also a very slight flaw below the tongue of the god at the right above "D" of "Zealand."

On the multiple watermarked paper there are three distinct states as printing progressed. They are:—

State 1. As in the single watermarked issue but with a slight increase in the flaw below the tongue of the god.

State 2. The dot below "EN" as before, while the "questionmark" flaw now resembles the outline of the upper part of the tekoteko. This latter flaw also has a small dot a short distance below and a larger dot further down in the sky. The flaw below the tongue of the god has now enlarged to resemble an extra tongue. As printings of this state proceeded the various flaws became more prominent.

State 3. The dot below "EN" now removed leaving no trace. The tekoteko "outline" has been reduced and only the top right quarter of the outline now shows. The dot immediately below the tekoteko "outline" is completely removed without trace and the lower dot below the "outline" has been slightly reduced. The flaw below the god has so increased that the extra tongue is now filled in with colour.

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THIS IS THE WORKS I !

Just purchased as we go to press is the loveliest collection of USED New Zealand's that we have ever seen. It covers the 1st Sidefaces, 1898.1907 Pictorials, Edward VII, George V, Commemoratives and Healths to 1935. The original collector set out to get the finest possible copies in singles, blocks and strips, and he certainly succeeded. We are offering in sectional lots and whoever gets one of these will have (we consider) a showing in that section which may be equalled but **cannot be surpassed**. All sections are as originally mounted, on linen-hinged "Favourite" leaves fully written up, each stamp, strip or block "boxed" in black and red. As for condition, we have already said that it is the loveliest collection we have ever seen. That can be taken as really meaning something—our standards are probably the highest in the world. All stamps are used and shades are of course abundant.

Section 1. First Sidefaces. A relatively small lot on two pages. All stamps perf. 12 x 11½. Comprises 1d (2); 2d (2); 4d (7 inc. a strip of 4); 6d (7 inc. a superb block of 4); 1/- (4 inc. a strip of 3); 2/- and 5/-. Splendid lot £20

Section 2. 1899 Pictorials No Wmk. Perf. 11. Comprises 2½d (29 inc. blocks of 4 and 6, 2 strips of 4); 3d (13 inc. pair and strip of 3); 5d (14 inc. 2 strips of 3); 8d (17 inc. block, pair and 2 strips of 3); 9d (12 inc. pair and 2 strips of 3); 1/- (26 inc. 5 pairs and a strip of 3); 2/- (6 fine shades); 5/- (2). The selection on 10 pages £28

Section 3. 1900 New Designs and 1902 Wmk'd Perf. 11. Comprises 1d Terraces (block of 8, strips of 5 and 4, 25 in all); 2d Pembroke (24 inc. blocks of 8, 4 and 4); 4d Taupo (20 inc. two blocks of 6 and pair); 1½d Boer War (11 inc. block and pair); 2½d (10 inc. pair and block of 6); 3d (32 inc. blocks of 6 and 4, strips of 3 twice, 3 pairs); 4d (a rarity used, here are 7 inc. a superb block of 6); 5d (19 inc. block and a strip of 3); 6d (magnificent lot inc. 2 blocks of 4, 2 strips of 3, 6 pairs, 41 in all); 8d (17 inc. 5 strips of 3); 9d (10 inc. a pair and a strip of 3); 1/- (35 inc. a strip of 3 and 9 pairs); 2/- (7 fine shades); 5/- (1). The Section, 19 pages £33

Section 4. 1902-1907 Pictorials, Perf. 14. Comprises 1½d (scarce used, 6 copies includes a fine block of 4); 2d (18 inc. block of 4, 2 strips, 2 pairs); 2½d (12 inc. block and strip); 3d (14 inc. block and pair); 4d (32 inc. blocks of 6, 4 and 4, a strip, 2 pairs); 5d (26 inc. 3 blocks, 4 pairs); 6d (8); 8d (13 inc. strip, 2 pairs); 9d (9 inc. 2 pairs); 1/- (11 inc. 2 pairs); 2/- (7); 5/- (3). The Section, 14 pages £28

Section 5. Christchurch Exhib. One page of 7 stamps inc. ½d (1), 1d (2), 3d (2) and 6d (2). All finest used, mounted and annotated. The Sec. £9

Section 6. Redrawn Pictorials. Comprises 3d perf. 14 (3); 6d perf. 14, pink (9 inc. 2 pairs), 6d red (10 inc. block, 2 pairs); ½d Mt. Cook perf. 14 x 13-13½ (15 inc. 5 pairs); 3d perf. 14 x 13-13½ (10 inc. 2 pairs); 4d ditto (8 inc. strip, 2 pairs); 6d 14 x 13-13½ (2); 1/- ditto (2); ½d and 1d perf. 14 x 15 (13 inc. 2 blocks); 3d ditto (7 inc. block); 6d ditto (7 inc. 2 pairs); 1/- ditto (12 inc. 2 pairs). The Section, 8 pages £12

Section 8. 1920 Victory. This is an extraordinary lot. The collector has allocated a page to each value with the result that there are: ½d (9), 1d (12); 1½d (13 inc. 2 blocks); 2d (10 inc. a pair); 3d (10 inc. 2 pairs); 6d (10 inc. a pair) and 1/- (10 inc. a pair). That is, the equivalent of 10 complete sets, all in most perfect used condition—not a heavy postmark in the lot! It hurts us to have to sell them but they go to the first applicant. Mounting and annotation as before. The Section, 7 pages £12/10/0

Section 9. George V and Dominion Surface Prints Used. A slightly smaller lot, this one, but condition, mounting, etc., is the same standard. Encompasses a wide range from 1915 to 1930 including 13 of the 1d Dom. Sideways Wtmk., 3 of the 2d Litho (scarce used), a pair of the 2d Jones. A glorious range of 2/- Admirals (21 inc. a Jones strip of 4 and Cowan strip and 3 pairs); 3/- Admirals, (superb lightly used, with 2 Jones and 9 Cowans inc. a strip of 3);

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a page of the Map on Cowan unsurfaced (13 inc. a block and a strip); there is also a mint 1d with good black Litho Wmk. The Admirals alone catalogue (C.P.) about £19. This Section almost given away at £25

Section 10. George V Engraved. An exhibition collection sure to win a medal! Comprises: 2d violet (33 inc. 3 blocks, a strip and 2 pairs); 2½d (38 inc. 3 blocks, 9 pairs); 4d yellow (25 inc. a block and 4 pairs 1); 4½d (34 inc. 3 blocks, 4 pairs); 6d (24 inc. block of 16 and 2 pairs); 1/- (22 inc. block of 8, 2 blocks of 4, 2 pairs); 2d yellow (14 inc. a block); 4d violet (22 inc. block of 6, 2 strips, 3 pairs); 5d (14. Of these 8 are light blue 14 x 14½ inc. a block and a pair); 8d blue (20 inc. 5 pairs and a block); 8d brown (19 inc. a block 2 strips, 2 pairs); 1½d Pict. paper (14 in all. 4 are no wmk. inc. a block); 2d Pict. paper (13, 1 no wmk., 1 block); 3d Pict. paper (17 inc. 2 blocks, a strip and a pair); 6d Pict. paper (11 inc. a block, 3 pairs). Catalogue (C.P.) is over £55 for singles. Remember, these are choice copies and the blocks, strips and pairs are desirable property. The Section..... £42

Section 11. Healths 1929-1930. Eleven 1929 and twelve 1930 fine used Health mounted and annotated on two pages (inc. a 1929 pair and 1930 pair and strip of 3). Total Cat. (C.P.) is £17/18/6. The Section..... £12/10/0

Section 12. 1931 Healths. This is a breath-taker. 10 Red Boys and 9 Blue Boys set out on two pages. There are 3 red and 2 blue pairs. Be quick £60

Section 13. 1936 Jubilees. Three pages, style and quality as before. 10 each of ½d and 1d (inc. pairs) plus 11 beautifully used 6d inc. 3 pairs. Very attractively set out..... £5/10/0

Section 14. 1935 Health. A page of 11 immaculate used inc. a strip and a pair 18/6

Section 15. Express Delivery. A page of 9 of the first issue (perf. 11) inc. a superb block. Also a page of 9 choice copies of the later Cowan paper perf. 14 x 14½. These are scarce fine used. (C.P. £6/15/0)..... £6

Section 16. Postage Dues. A page of the 1902 Perf. 11 issue. Inc. blocks of 10 and 4 of the ½d watermarked and a fine used copy of the scarce 2d. 19 stamps in all £1/2/6

Section 17. King Edward VII Land. One page with 5 superb used 1d Universals (inc a block) overprinted for the Shackleton Expedition..... £3/10/0

POSTAGE DUES

292 Complete Collection—Mounted. We offer this lot with some excusable pride—the first time we have ever been able to do so. It is an ABSOLUTELY COMPLETE LOT of N.Z. Postage Dues as listed in our Catalogue, all mint except two which are present in used; the whole collection neatly mounted and annotated on "Favourite size springback album sheets. Even the rather involved series of watermark variations in the 1939 set is complete and of course the first issue (of 1899) is fully represented. The widely differing centre colours of the 1906 1d and 2d are represented in both cases but otherwise shades are ignored. A grand opportunity, the collection of 51 stamps..... £6/10/0

293 Individual Postage Dues

(a) Set of 1899	Mint	Used	Mint	Used
Y1a ½d, N.Z. and D Large	1/-	1/-	Y4a 2/- N.Z. large	10/-
Y2a 8d, Ditto	-	-	Y5a 5d, N.Z. large D small	6/-
Y3a 1/-, N.Z. large	7/6	7/6	Y6a 6d, Ditto	6/-
Y7a 10d, ditto	7/6	-	Y11a 3d N.Z. small, D lge.	1/6 6d
Y8a ½d, N.Z. small, D large	2d	-	Y12a 1d N.Z. & D small	9d 3d
Y9a 1d ditto	1/-	3d	Y13a 2d ditto	1/6 6d
Y10a 2d ditto	1/6	4d	Y14a 4d ditto	4/- 3/-

(b) ½d Value Second Design

Y15a No wmk	9d	9d	Y15e Litho	3d	-
Y15b wmk'd P.11	6d	4d	Y15f Cowan 14 x 15	4d	9d
Y15c De La Rue	-	6d	Y15g Cowan 14	1/-	1/3
Y15d Jones	2/-	-	Y15h W. Teape	6d	-

(c) 1d Value, Second Design

Y16a Wmk'd P.11.....	-	2/-
Y16b P.14 (carmine).....	1/6	6d
Y16b P.14 (pink).....	1/-	4d
Y16c De La Rue.....	-	2d

Y16d Cowan 14 x 15.....	6d	1d
Y16e Cowan 14.....	1/-	3d
Y16f W. Teape.....	6d	1d

(d) 2d Value, Second Design

Y17a Wmk'd. P.11.....	27/6	20/-
Y17b P.14 (carm.).....	2/-	1/6
Y17b P.14 (pink).....	1/6	6d
Y17c De La Rue.....	-	4d

Y17d Litho.....	1/-	2/-
Y17a Cowan 14 x 15.....	9d	2d
Y17g Cowan 14.....	1/6	3d
Y17h W. Teape.....	6d	-

(e) 3d Value, Second Design

Y18a Cowan 14.....	2/6	2/-
Y18b Cowan 14 x 15.....	-	-

Y18c W. Teape.....	2/6	-
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(f) 1/4d Value, Third Design

Y19a Single Wmk.....	2d	3d
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(g) 1d Value, Third Design

Y20a Single Wmk.....	3d	1d
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Y20b Mult. Wmk.....	6d	
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(h) 2d Value, Third Design

Y21a Single Wmk.....	6d	2d
Y21b Wmk. 8b (blue).....	1/-	-

Y21b Wmk. 8b (ultr.).....	9d	
Y21c Wmk. 8a.....	2/-	

(j) 3d Value, Third Design

Y22a Single Wmk.....	-	6d
Y22b Wmk. 8 (upright).....	3/9	-

Y22c Wmk. 8b.....	1/6	1/6
Y22d Wmk. 8a.....	3/6	-

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George VI. A survey. Continued from June Newsletter. The George Plates were perhaps the most puzzling and therefore interesting feature of the issue. Not once but several times plates appeared in peculiar scarcity—for no reason that was ever apparent. In the case of Plate 26 of the 1d green I have heard the suggestion put forward that all but a few sheets were lost through enemy action. This is feasible but I prefer the theory that since 26 had been the last plate used for the red printings it was the obvious one to use for colour trials in green when the Government decided to change the colour. It seems likely that a few colour trial sheets would be sent out from England for approval but that no further green printings would be made from that plate. Their issue here would be natural enough since they differed in no way from the green printings from later plates. I would say that no more than 15 or 20 plate blocks of Plate 26 green exist. More puzzling still is the case of Plate 126 of which perhaps less than six exist. The first that was heard of this was the finding of two or three in Masterton. Before that it had been thought that (like Plate 127) no sheets would ever be issued owing to the plates being unsatisfactory for some reason. The printers' use of plates is a puzzle that only they could explain. When one considers the length of the life of the single plates used for the George V Field Marshal 1d Dominion and other George V low values it is a mystery why in the George VI issue the printers found it necessary to use over 60 plates for the 1d value alone. Perhaps they have a rule that each plate has a limited life, after which it is discarded, but this "life" seems unnecessarily short for I have never seen a George VI stamp that showed even the faintest trace of plate wear.

The two plates mentioned (26 and 126) are the only ones which are rare on the basis of the number alone but there are others which are rare in certain combinations of watermark or paper. For instance Plate 33 (1d green) is quite common on the fine paper with vertical mesh but on the paper with horizontal mesh it is the rarest of all, only one ever having been reported. Of course a difference in mesh is something that many collectors could overlook so a variety like this provides that thrill of the hunt which makes philately so fascinating. There could be quite a few 33's with horizontal mesh still awaiting discovery. The same applies to Plate 32 on the same paper (about 2 or 3 known to me) and Plate 82 of the 2d on horizontal mesh coarse paper (perhaps a dozen known). Another worth watching for is the 1/3d Plate 3A-2 with upright watermark. This plate is really scarce though common enough with sideways watermark. Collectors will find that it pays handsomely to make a mental record of all such rarities even if they have themselves no interest in the collecting of plate blocks.