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NEW ZEALAND NOTES AND COMMENT

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Coils—A New Development. The latest move in the heroic efforts of the P. & T. Department to keep always a step ahead of coil collectors is the use of a completely new set of type for the numbers between the strips. The new type is generally smaller than before and—more satisfactory from the philatelists' viewpoint—every figure is recognizable by some difference in shape. The differences are sufficiently marked to be describable in print but rather than tackle such a task I intend to illustrate all units of both old and new types in a future Newsletter. I would do so this month but I do not yet have a complete set of the new to give to the blockmaker. The same illustration will be used next year in our Catalogue.

So far I have seen the new figures only on the 1/- (vertical, numbers inverted) and on the 3d. In the latter case it is significant that the numbers are in the old "reading upwards" form—indicating a reversion from the form recently seen in this value where the numbers were "reading downwards," i.e. inverted.

The collecting of coils is rapidly assuming the nature of a specialised study in itself—so much so that it will soon be advisable to have a separate checklist, with explanatory notes, in the Catalogue. This I intend to leave until next year when some stability may have been reached. In the meantime those who have kept up to date with all developments can congratulate themselves on their foresight; those who have not can still catch up—we can still supply practically a complete range of all the original as well as the later coil forms.

More George VI. Retouches. Cpl. G. Read of Taieri has been putting in some close work sifting through thousands of used George VI 1d reds and greens and has kindly shown us the results of his labours. One cannot surmise in any way as to the possible sheet positions of the 1d reds but the papers of the 1d greens give limited assistance. Examples 1, 3 and 4 are on coarse vertical mesh paper and example 2 is on coarse horizontal mesh and therefore from one of Plates 84 or 85

1d Green. (1) Two identical examples showing all horizontal background lines retouched immediately above the King's head—it is possible that this one has been mentioned in the Notes previously. (2) The short top background lines are retouched above and to the right of the parting in the hair; also three or four of the longer lines immediately below.

(3) A few of the short top background lines are redrawn a little further to the right than in example 2. In addition the short dashes at the extreme ends of the longer lines seem to have received attention and the oblique lines above the level of the hair also show signs—requires study.

(4) A stamp showing relatively small but clear evidence of fine plate cracks to left of the head and above the top panel.

1d Red. Three further retouches affecting the horizontal background lines to right of the King's head. In the first example about seven lines are partially redrawn starting from a point level with top of the ear and working upward. It can be seen with the naked eye. The second example is roughly opposite the ear and although almost certainly rather more extensive it requires a closer look as the redrawing is not so well defined. The third stamp, which forms part of a block of six may possibly have had considerable attention down the right side but no definite characteristics can be seen except that short lines in the N.E. corner have definitely been redrawn.

New Healths. I had an interesting phone conversation one night recently with a Mr. Wilson who told me that he is the father of the two boys depicted on this year's Healths. He said their names are Graeme and Peter and that the original photograph was taken in Hamilton. Only the Waikato could produce such a crop of apples on such a small tree!

1874-78 FIRST SIDEFACE ISSUE

Lot

324 Perf. 12½—all used.

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| (a) 1d Lilac (fair) | 1/- |
| (b) 2d Rose (fair) | 4d |
| (c) 3d Brown (fair) | 27/6d |
| (d) 4d Indian Red (good appearance) | 32/6d |

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| (e) 4d Indian Red (not so fine) from | 15/- to 22/6d |
| (f) 6d Blue (fair) | 6/6d |
| (g) 1/- Green (fair) | 20/- |

Perf. 12 x 11½ all used.

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| (h) Rose (fair copies) | 3d |
| (i) 4d Indian Red (av.) | 17/6d |
| (j) As above, poorly centred but otherwise fine | 15/- |
| (k) 6d Blue (av.) | 5/- |

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| (l) Green (not best) | 12/6d |
| (m) 2/- Claret (fair) | 50/- |
| (n) 5/- Grey, rather heavy cancellation | 30/- |
| (o) A set of 3 top values, 1/-, 2/-, 5/-, fiscally caneld. | 30/- |

Perf. 12 x 11½. Mint

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| (p) 2d Rose, good apprnce. | 8/6d |
| (q) As above, somewhat off centre | 6/- |

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| (r) 2/- Claret, good appearance incl. centring, short in some respects of top grade | 80/- |
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Perf. 12½, Mint.

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| (s) 3d Brown, good | 50/- |
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EARLY GEO. VI. PLATE BLOCKS

325 Nearly 18 years have elapsed since these were first issued and the original issues are on the "hard to get" list. We are lucky to be able to once again offer a few of these choice pieces at the following prices.

M1a ½d green

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| Plates 1, 2, each | 7/6d |
| „ 16, 17, 18, 19 L or R each | 12/6d |
| Imprints, each | 17/6d |

M4a 1½d Chocolate

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| Plates 20, 21, each | 52/6d |
| Booklet pane (6 stamps) | 45/- |

M2a 1d Scarlet

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| Plates 3, 4L, 6, 7, 8, 15 L or R each | 15/- |
| Plate 12R | 20/- |
| Plate 5 Booklet Pane | 35/- |
| „ 5 Booklet Pane (inv. wmk.) | 45/- |
| Imprint block (without No.) | 20/- |
| Booklet Pane | 30/- |

GEO. VI. INVERTED WATERMARKS

326 A "must" for every serious collector of the Geo. VI. issue. A few more in stock at the moment but you must be early to avoid disappointment.

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| M1a ½d green used | 1/- |
| M1a 1d scarlet, mint | 4/- |
| M4a 1½d choc., mint | 8/6d |
| used | 1/- |
| M13b 1/- Die I, mint | 40/- |

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| OM13b 1/- Official, mint | 50/- |
| M14a 1/3d Die, mint | 6/6d |
| M16a 3/- from Pl. 2-1, mint | 27/6d |
| M16a 3/- from Pl. 3A-1 (Cat. 17/6d) mint | 15/- |
| Slightly off-centre copies | 11/6d |

LATER GEO. VI. PLATE BLOCKS

327 While on the subject of Geo. VI. plate blocks, have you those excellent shades which were encountered in this issue?

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| M13a 1/- Pl. 1-1 with flaw | 9/- |
| without flaw | 20/- |
| M14a 1/3d Pl. 2-1 red-brown centre | 9/6d |
| chocolate centre | 10/- |
| deep choc. centre | 9/6d |
| M15b 2/- Pl. 1-1 yellow-green frame | 9/6d |
| deep green frame | 10/6d |

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| M13b 1/- Pl. 1-1 with flaw | 10/- |
| M14a 1/3d Pl. 3A-1 red-brown centre | 9/6d |
| chocolate centre | 10/- |
| M16a 3/- Pl. 2-1 red-choc. centre | 25/- |
| deep choc. centre | 22/6d |
| deep red-choc. centre | 22/6d |

As in these values, so we have a fine selection of shades in plate block form in all values from 1d to 9d. Why not ask for an approval selection of that value you require and so compile a collection which will delight the heart of any connoisseur.

GEO. VI. PROVISIONAL ISSUES (Plate Blocks of 4)

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| 3d on 1d Green, | |
| Plates 112, 117, each | 2/8d |
| „ 113 | 7/6d |
| 1d on ½d Chestnut | |
| Plate 101, each | 2/6d |

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| Plates 115, 116, each | 7/6d |
| Plates 118 | 4/- |
| Plate 133, each | 1/6d |

REMEMBER! If you are at all interested in plate blocks of all issues, then why not drop us a line for your wants. If we have not got it in stock we will place your name on our "waiting" list. We have hundreds of satisfied customers who had previously given up hope.