

Campbell Paterson's NEWSLETTER

FOR COLLECTORS OF NEW ZEALAND STAMPS

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A PERSONAL NOTE FROM CAMPBELL PATERSON

I am now back in Auckland after some 16 months absence overseas and would like to extend a "big Hello" to all and sundry. It has been a very happy experience for me but while I would not say that my appetite for travel is yet entirely satisfied it is also a very happy experience to be back home again among old friends. New Zealand looked mighty good as it loomed up over the horizon. My thanks are due to my staff who so capably held the fort in my absence. They are a grand team. Will English and other overseas readers please note that the Working address is no longer to be used.

2d Provisional Surcharged on original design 1½d with "stars" on right

Now that the smoke has cleared away it seems certain that Auckland was the only centre to have had this outstanding variety. Originally it was thought that two city Post Offices had supplies, one being reported as having Pl. 13 sheets and the other a limited quantity of Pl.11 sheets but although these facts are still possibly true, we have yet to see any other Plate number except 13. It appears that somewhere in the region of fifty sheets must have been intermingled with a batch of the ordinary Provisionals and also that an appreciable number of stamps were used up in the ordinary way before their significance was realised and philatelic enquiries began. It seems likely that possibly thirty-five sheets have come into stamp collectors and Trade hands and that therefore the number of stamps eventually available will be somewhere between 8000 and 9000 copies—a drop in the bucket—to meet the huge demand of collectors of the present reign. For it must be realised that this is no secondary variety but a major issue of different design from any other and therefore qualifying for major listing in every catalogue.

The Programme of Forthcoming Stamp Issues for New Zealand

Now that some further details of future issues have been released, our readers, and particularly those overseas, will probably welcome news of what is in store for them. Altogether there are to be six special issues between now and March, 1959. They are as follows:

1958 Health Stamps. To be released 20th August. The issue will follow last year's pattern in that it is to be of two stamps, 3d (2d plus 1d) and 4d (3d plus 1d) with miniature sheets of each value in addition. The designs pay tribute to the Boys' Brigade and Girls' Brigade and were decided upon because 1958 marks the 75th Anniversary of the founding of the Boys' Brigade. Experiments are being conducted in designs of future Health stamps to see whether a series featuring N.Z. birds can be arranged—if so these will begin next year.

Kingsford Smith Commemorative. Early in September a 6d stamp will be issued concurrently with one of similar design in Australia, to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of the first air crossing of the Tasman. We understand the stamps are all to be printed in Australia—the first time a New Zealand stamp has been printed there since the 1941 Healths.

City of Nelson Centennial. On the 29th September a 3d stamp will be issued to mark this event of the one hundredth anniversary of city status following the granting by Queen Victoria of letters patent which also established the Bishop's See.

Hawke's Bay Centennial. November will see a set of three stamps commemorating the centennial of the Province.

1946 Peace Specialised Collection

Lot No. 537. We have on hand a fairly small and yet quite comprehensive collection of the above and can strongly recommend this as a basis on which a really fine showing of this issue could be built. The fact that two frame plates and two centre plates were used for all the bi-colour values and that considerable attention was given by the printers to these plates either before or during printing, makes these "Peace" stamps one of the most intriguing of our issues. Only a small proportion of the blocks are laid out in a loose leaf folder (the remainder being loose) so that the purchaser would be able to mount the material in his own way. Altogether there are forty-one blocks of varying sizes, the highlight probably being a fine selvage block of six of the 1/- showing two stamps partial double perf. Attractively priced at £19/10/0

Choice Varieties

538 Clients on our "variety" list who would in the normal course of events receive these varieties, please note that you are not forgotten and will duly receive your copies—possibly before this Newsletter appears. OTHERS, BE EARLY WITH YOUR ORDERS—STOCKS LIMITED

- (a) **2d Provisional on original 1½d with small figures of value (see notes)**
 Singles (blocks pro rata) mint 30/-
 Singles (blocks pro rata) a little off-centre 25/-
- (b) **8d Ross Dependency in the new cardinal and blue shade**
 Singles (blocks pro rata) mint 2/-
- (c) **2d Provisional (normal issue).** These appeared with either large (4.2mm) or small (4mm) obliterating circle, easily distinguishable with the naked eye. We can supply these in blocks of four mint, each being a different shade. The two blocks 2/6d

BARGAINS FROM HERE AND THERE

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- (a) A fine two page little collection of Edward VII, plus De La Rue 1d Dominion, in blocks of four—ten blocks in all cataloguing £11 £10
- (b) A single sheet of fine used 1891 perf 12 x 11½ Life Insurance from ½d to 1/-. As everyone knows the 3d, 6d and 1/- are very difficult to find in decent used. With an extra ½d and 2d to balance the sheet, the page of eight stamps cataloguing £2/10/0 £2/5/0
- (c) A single sheet of 17 mint 1907-1908 ½d green Mt. Cooks (from the "new plates") and redrawn Pictorials in the three perf groups 14, 14 x 13-13½ and 14 x 15. Complete, except for the scarce 14 x 13-13½ 6d value, but showing two shades each of 6d perf 14, 3d 14 x 13-13½ and 3d 14 x 15—Cat. nearly £5 £3
- (d) A most attractive single page of fine used 1908 Pictorial Official stamps complete simplified (1/- etc., duplicated for balance), except for 5/-. Cat. £1/2/6 £1

540 **The pick of one of our Full Face Approval Books (Ask to see on appro.)**

- (a) S.G.2. A lightly cancelled copy of fine appearance, three excellent margins and barely touched at bottom. Some small type of paper flaw it's only deduction. S.G. to £28 £12/10/0
- (b) S.G.17. A beautiful copy of the blue green with clear face and adequate margins. S. G. to £48 £20
- (c) S.G.39. A wonderfully margined copy of the 2d imperf., worn plate, with unobtrusive cancellation. Very nice at 30/-
- (d) S.G.44-46. A slightly cancelled copy of the scarce "emerald" shade which is well known and recognised here in N.Z. Three extremely good margins and only lightly touched at one point on the other. A stamp to grace any collection £10
- (e) S.G.85. The comparatively rare 6d pelure paper, its only drawback an unfortunately placed cancellation obscuring the face—otherwise well margined and sound. An opportunity to acquire a difficult stamp cheaply. S.G. to £22 £4/10/0
- (f) S.G.99. A beautifully fresh stamp, clear face, light postmark, three huge margins with close trim at top. An attractive looking specimen. S.G. to £35 £15

- (g) S.G.123-125. Four clean looking copies showing nice shade contrasts from the yellow green through to deep yellow green. The 4 stamps £9
 (h) S.G.138. A mint copy with full gum in a state of almost premium freshness and appearance 32/6d

1957 Miniature Health Sheets

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- (a) Sideways watermark set of two sheets 10/-
 (b) Upright watermark set of two sheets 20/-
 (c) Upright watermark 2d plus 1d sheet only 5/-

Odds and Ends

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- (a) 8d Meat Export in blocks 4 mint with R10/1 flaw 6/-
 (b) 6d Otago Centennial in block of 4 mint with R6/6 flaw (machine gun) 4/6d
 (c) 2d Geo. V Official surface print. Pair mint showing one stamp "no stop" 12/6d
 (d) 1/- Geo. V Official recess print. Single mint with Plate 14 perf 14x14½ 3/6d
 (e) 2½d Geo. V recess single mint with Plate 17 3/6d
 (f) 1d Victoria Land mint slightly off centre 22/6d
 (g) 1d Victoria Land mint slightly stained 20/-
 (h) Victoria Land used, clean postmark but stamp has a slightly greasy appearance 22/6d
 (i) Pigeongrams. A nice pair of the triangular 6d and 1/- Great Barrier used on part flimsy. Slight staining. The pair £12
 (j) 1/- Special Post on part flimsy and cancelled "The original Great Barrier Pigeongram Service." £10
 (k) 3d 1st Sideface mint. Irregular compound perf. Fine copy (cat. 75/-) £3/5/0
 (l) ½d Green Mt. Cook used Perf 14 Cowan (new plate) with R7/24 flaw 2/-

Two Fine Full Face Offers

- (a) 2d Richardson (S.G. No. 5) on blue paper. A fine, very lightly cancelled strip of three. Strips of this stamp are rare and this is a choice example, having wide to adequate margins at top, bottom and on right and small to very close margins on left. Fine colour and paper. The strip £27/10/0
 (b) 2d Richardson (S.G.96) on white paper. A guaranteed copy of this scarce item in most attractive condition. Postmark delightfully sited and light, colour fine, margins excellent to very wide. To see this is to approve it £10

QUEEN ELIZABETH MATERIAL

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- (a) 1/- block of eight with "£8" value at top and showing the clear re-entries (to right vertical frame line) on R1/10, 2/10, 3/10, 4/10 16/-
 (b) 1/- block of eight (four each side of plain gutter selvedge) with obsolete plate number 1A 1A at left and large "plate crack" on right 16/-
 (c) 1/- block of four with obsolete value marking 8 £ later corrected to £8. The block 10/-
 (d) 1/- block of four with substituted value from Pl 1B 2B showing £8 cancelled out and replaced by £4. Interesting piece 12/6d

Plate Blocks (blocks of six to 1/-, blocks of four thereafter).

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| ½d Plate 1 (elusive) | 1/6d | 1/- 1A 2A, 1B 2B with 1A 2A showing plain gutter selvedge, 1B 2B unperfed right selvedge. These had a comparatively short life before introduction of "machine design" gutter, etc. Each | 8/6d |
| 1d 5, 31 (obsolete) | 2/- | 1/6d 1A 2A, 1B 2B as above ... | 11/6d |
| 1½d 11, 12, 13, 14 (obsolete) | 2/6d | The later 1/6d now has the machine design gutter, too. | |
| 2d 15, 16, 17, 18 (obsolete) | 2/6d | 2/6d Pl 4 | 15/- |
| 4d 9, 19 (now being replaced) | 3/3d | 3/- Pl 2 | 17/6d |
| 6d 6 (obsolete) | 6/- | 5/- Pl 1 | 30/- |
| 9d 1A 1A, 1B 1B or Imp. (obsolete) | 6/- | 10/- Pl 3 | 57/6d |
| 1/- 1B 1B or Imp. | 7/6d | | |
| 1/- 1A 1A with plain gutter selvedge | 8/- | | |

2d with large figures of value (new design) Pl 5 without stop after figure, in block of six £1

Pan Pacific Scout Jamboree. This is an early (January) 1959 issue of a 3d value to coincide with the Jamboree to be held in Auckland.

Marlborough Centennial. This, the last of the series of issues envisaged for the next twelve months, will celebrate the centennial of the Province and will be on the P.O. counters in March, 1959. As yet details of the set are not decided.

It has also been announced that the Post Office intends, within the next two years, to replace the Queen Elizabeth definitive issue with a Pictorial issue.

Recent Philatelic Finds

1/3d Arms invert. Mr. G. W. Sides has sent in for inspection a copy of the most recent printing i.e. the unsurfaced paper, horizontal mesh stamp, which usually has normal watermark. The submitted copy had inverted watermark and some trace of a circular cancellation but unfortunately not enough to decide where it originated.

9d Q.E. Substituted sheet values from 1A 2A, 1B 2B sheets

Although these are scarce—we have seen all too few of them—nevertheless we have seen enough examples to decide that there is a difference between them and other 9d and 1/- of a similar nature previously issued. Other substitutions on the right hand pane were effected in a single operation and no discrepancies of height or distance between the new figure and the “cancelling bars” are noticeable but in these latest 9d blocks, the distances between figure and bars DO vary, as does the relative heights of each.

1/6d Q.E. Albino. Shortly after the March notes establishing the 9d “blurred centre” as, in fact, an albino print, Mr. H. Robinson showed us exactly the same thing in the 1/6d value. As in the 9d, the proof lay in a vertical coil pair (new numeral inverted) which had sufficient joining selvedge between stamps to show the “pressure line.”

Row 6 No. 10 Series

Another two “states” can be added to last month’s list given on the front page, these these being: (1) 1/- normal (pre-flaw; (2) 1/- third state retouch i.e. with short underlying horizontal lines redrawn.

The Official patching of the 2d Q.E. Provisional

Further to the reference in April Newsletter notes, from material since seen, it would appear that while most of the repair work has been done in the lower right area of the sheet, it has by no means been confined there. We have seen pieces showing single stamps, horizontal pairs and vertical and horizontal strips acting as replacements, some of these from the two top rows. All of these new pieces were from the “small circle” forme and Plates 7, 9 and 10. However, it will be remembered Mr. J. S. Lawrance’s property was the large circle so apparently the Government Printer is having lots of fun with both sets of stereos. It would be interesting to see what form the damage has taken and whether any stereos were replaced while work was in progress. Just in case, we list the positions where possible. R1/1, 1/3; R10/24 (on several pieces); R10/2, 10/22 (twice); R10/19, 10/20, 10/21; R8/24, 9/24; R8/24, 9/24, 10/24; one further example in Row 1 and one in Row 2.

1950 Health Perforation Freak

Recently we had the pleasure of making the acquaintance of Mr. W. F. Smith of Wanganui who showed us a unique variety in the 2d plus 1d value. This was a part sheet having five of the original six rows intact on the left hand side. The perforations, which (from memory) had been done by the sheet being run through from right to left, had a very intriguing appearance in the last four vertical rows (the first four rows on left looking at the sheet in normal position) as the perforations on the long side of the stamp veered quite noticeably to the right thus gradually cutting more and more into the design of the normally perfed row the nearer they ran toward the top of the sheet. The short horizontal side perfs took an abrupt upward step of about 1/8in at the bottom of the fourth row, gradually lifting and cutting through the design as well as they ran toward the left side of the sheet so that some stamps at first sight appeared imperf.