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## NEW ZEALAND NOTES AND COMMENT by John Robinson

### 1965 Health Stamps

These have certainly been well received, and admired by all collectors to whom we have spoken. Numerous screen blemishes, of very minor character, have been reported by some readers, most of whom pointed out the small retouch in the 3d + 1d, Row 2/1 (Thirkell F7). The first to mention this was Mr. J. W. Timmer, who also found some minor "touching up" in one of the Miniature Sheets, and a grey coloured flaw in the 4d + 1d Fantail, on the breast of the bird (Thirkell 16); R 5/16. Mr. A. R. Rowell showed me some Miniature sheets of the same stamp, the Fantail, where stamp 6 has a clear white flaw near the eye of the bird. He also said that these Miniature Sheets apparently came in packs of 1,000 all the same.

We should, I think discount that nebulous report about the 4d + 1d value Plate Block with Green "1A" marking (September Newsletter). There has been no confirmation in any way, and it probably resembles rumours similar to the one we heard regarding the 5d Anzac, a full sheet without red colour. The latter turned out to be a sheet of the 4d value!

The Fantail stamp has very variable grey colouring, particularly noticeable in the tail feathers. Some stamps in the sheet are markedly paler than others, and the characteristics appear to be constant.

### 1965 Centenary of Government

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Brookes have had the self-imposed task of hunting through sheets of this stamp for constant blemishes. They report various spots in R 2/1, 9/6, 10/6, 11/6, 12/4, 14/6, 18/4. All minor, of course, but you may feel the urge to look for them, and when you do you can thank this couple for limiting the stamps you will look at!

### Inverted Watermarks

N34b, S.G. 752a: This 3d, redrawn Q.E., esparto paper, is common enough with watermark inverted from booklet panes, but Mr. J. Whincop has kindly shown me a pair, with lower selvedge, wmk. inv., obviously from a "full" sheet.

O17b, S.G. 799: We have seen four copies of the current multicoloured 3/- Pictorial, all used, with watermark inverted. Two have Christchurch postmarks, the other two are from Wellington. We are interested buyers for FINE specimens of this variety, so send in any spares you are lucky enough to find.

### 1963 Christmas Stamp, Pl. 1A

Mrs. A. C. Coghill has now completed her study of this stamp. By means of minor flaws she has been able to reconstruct the entire sheet from single specimens. One stamp, R2/8, she has found in two states, one a small possible retouch at the Shepherd's neck. This stamp also has a tiny black spot in the large 2 of 2½. Congratulations, Mrs. Coghill, on a long task successfully completed. Not content with that year alone, she has also managed to complete reconstruction of the 1964 Christmas stamp.

### 1965 International Co-operation Year

This 4d stamp, scheduled for release on 8th September, was not available, and, for the first time in a very long while, the issue was delayed until later, 28th September. It appears that the reason for this delay was that stocks were late in arriving from England. The stamp has been printed in two-colour lithography by De La Rue's.

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## 1961 2½d on 3d Vermilion, Q.E. Surcharged

We have often been asked about the four "Abnormal" plate blocks listed in our Catalogue on Temp. page N5. Recently we had the good fortune of finding two of these rare items, and thus tried to get together some information about this issue. Most readers will know that the surcharge exists in two distinct settings, **narrow** and **wide**. Early spade work on this problem, done by the late Ray Collins, established that the narrow setting was the first to be used. Earliest reports about these settings were published in Gibbons Stamp Monthly a long while ago, but it was only when our Catalogue list was being revised did we try to find out about the Plate Blocks. We then learned that there were eight possible combinations, and that all these "had been seen." Now we are not so sure, for we have yet to establish that Plate 18 blocks are known with narrow setting. Mr. S. I. Larsen has (mainly through our efforts over the years!) the other seven possibles. Incidentally, he also has a block with overprint clearly offset at the back, which came from Whakatane Post Office some years ago.

It would appear that some initial effort was made to separate sheets of the 3d from the four Plate Blocks. The narrow setting was used first, on Plate 17 probably, but shortly after one of two things apparently happened. Either the type wore in places, and was replaced with units, wide setting, and printing continued on Plates 19 and 20. OR printing continued with all units still **narrow** setting, on Plates 19 and 20. All type replacements are to be found well away from the vicinity of the Plate Numbers, and any "narrow setting" Plate block would be from a sheet either entirely narrow setting, or a mixture of the two, with the scarce "se-tenant" pairs also in the sheet, but not near the Plate Number. These sheets with "se-tenant" pairs, S.G. 804b, are found in Plate 19 or Plate 20 only.

Finally, when all the units were replaced with "wide setting," Plates 17 and 18 were used. The Abnormals pose some problems. The first, Plate 17 with narrow setting, Mr. J. Whincop reports that seven of these turned up in Napier, among a small bundle of mixed numbers, and at least one other Plate 17, narrow, turned up in the South Island. In any case, only about 10 of these are known to us. The number known is vastly different to those recorded of the other "Abnormal" blocks. We have yet to see our first Plate 18, narrow, and know of only one block (or is it two?) of Plate 19, wide setting, and three blocks Plate 20, wide setting. The origin of all these is unknown, but in view of the rarity it is possible that odd sheets were misplaced in wrong piles of the sheets prior to the overprinting. To summarise, then, we would think that of the "Abnormal" Plate Blocks, the following numbers would exist:—

**Narrow Setting, Pl. 17**, about a dozen. **Pl. 18**, none known to date.

**Wide Setting, Pl. 19**, perhaps two blocks. **Pl. 20**, three blocks.

Any further information on these blocks would be very welcome.

### Other Varieties and News

**4d Anzac: R8/1:** Mr. K. Baker has shown me a small retouch to this stamp, in the lower left corner. It has been very neatly done.

**9d Flag:** Mr. C. E. Cooksley has shown me a sheet of this stamp where the first vertical row has  $\frac{1}{8}$ " of the blue colour completely omitted. The Blue Cyl. Number 14 is missing, and most of the N of NEW is not present on the stamps in the row affected.

**Double Comb Perforations:** To date, Mr. R. A. Dexter reports having seen only the 1d, 4d and 6d values of the current Pictorials with this perforation.

**3d Kowhai, Green Cyl. 3, R1/1:** A tiny flaw in the lower leaflets at the left may be found in this stamp by those who are busy following this interesting issue.

**1960 Pictorial Varieties:** Mr. G. Janes reports three, the **8d R5/2** with a white spot between the leaves near the "8." **9d Flag, R1/13** has a red and blue spot just above the middle of the flag. **3d R4/6** from Cyl. 2235 sheets has a spot on one of the twigs.

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